



General Assembly

January Session, 2015

**Committee Bill No. 6385**

LCO No. 4289



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:  
(VA)

**AN ACT PROVIDING FREE ADMISSION TO AND PARKING AT STATE PARKS FOR CONNECTICUT VETERANS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 23-26 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2015*):

4 (d) The commissioner shall issue to any resident of the state who is  
5 sixty-five years of age or older and to any resident of this state who is a  
6 [disabled] veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of section [14-254, or  
7 under federal law] 27-103, without fee, upon application of such  
8 resident, a nontransferable lifetime pass which shall permit free  
9 parking, admission and boat access parking for use at any state park,  
10 forest or state recreational facility, provided the commissioner shall not  
11 be required to issue such a pass for use of any park, forest or facility  
12 which is wholly managed by a private concessionaire and may require  
13 payment of fees for special events.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	October 1, 2015	23-26(d)
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To expand the benefit of free entry to and parking at state parks, forests and recreational facilities to all veterans.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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